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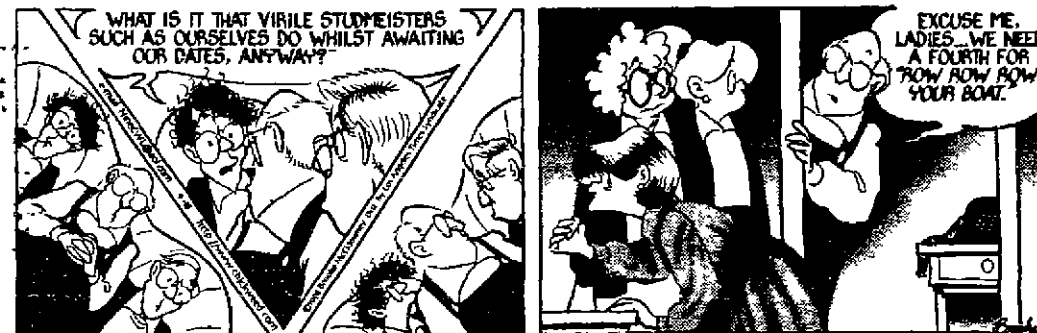
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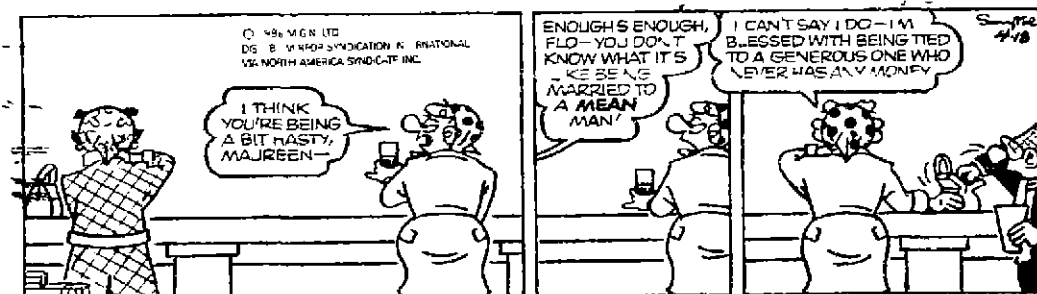
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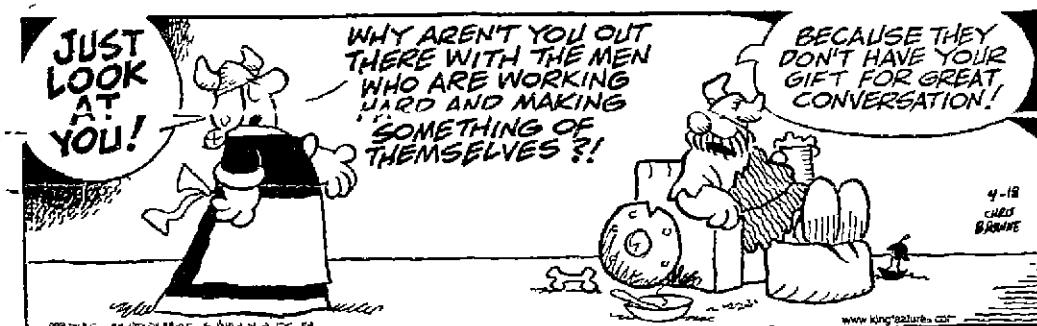
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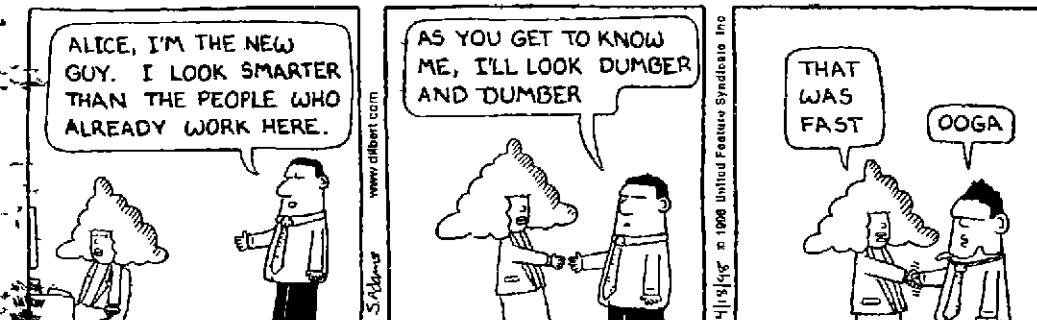
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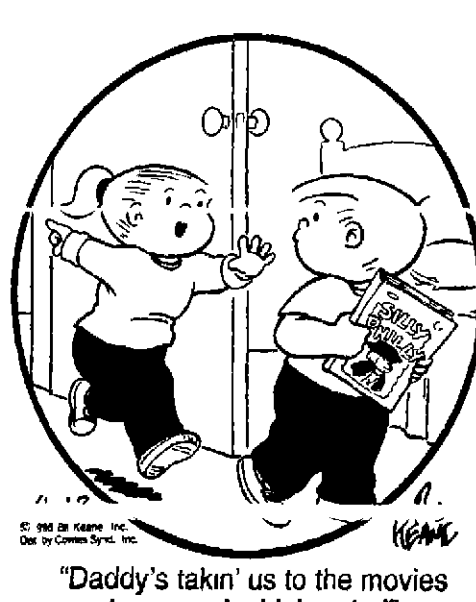
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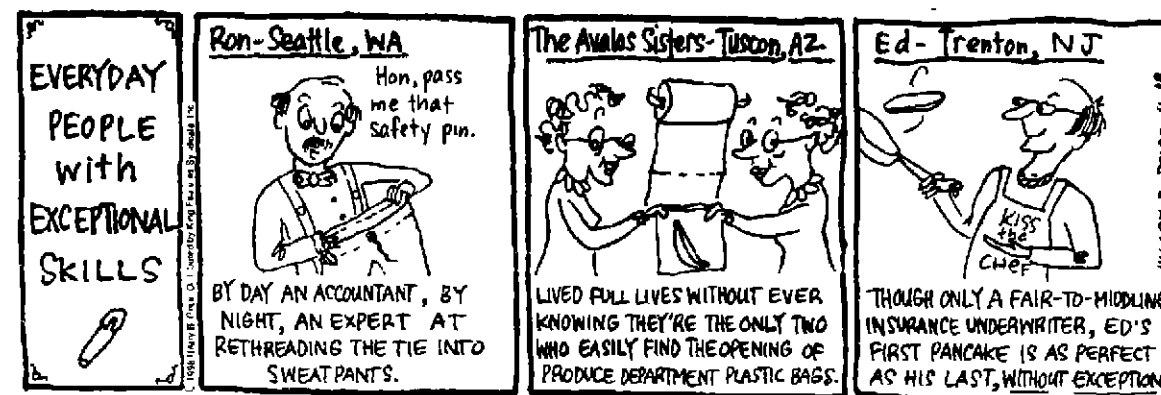
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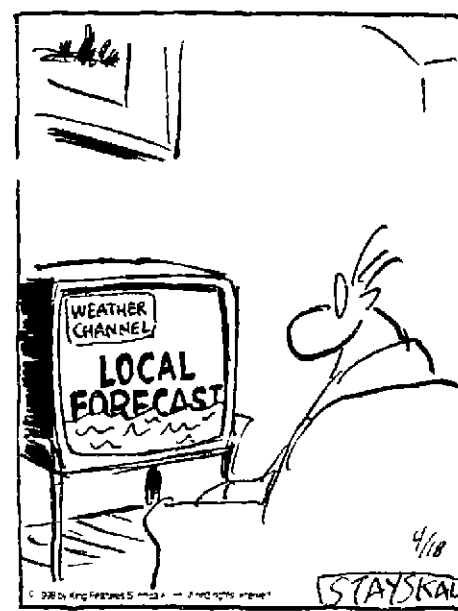
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Barbara Hale is 76. Blues singer Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown is 71. Actress Hayley Mills is 52. Actor James Woods is 51. Actress Cindy Pickett is 51. Country musician Walt Richmond is 51. Actor Rick Moranis is 44. Actor Eric Roberts is 42. Rock musician Les Pattinson (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 40. Talk show host Conan O'Brien is 35. Actress Jane Leeves is 35. Actress Maria Bello ("ER") is 31.

I NEED HELP



Early clues to Dr. Kevorkian's career path.

SCRABBLE

Z	E	I	A	O	G	N	Triple Word Score	
S	E	I	P	L	N	C		
V	S	E	E	E	E	L		
R	A	E	R	E	H	S	Triple Word Score	

PAR SCORE 160-170

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW.

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

- Road

S K G C Z V S P L I E B Y V R
O S L I F T C Z W T Q N K I F
C Z S E W O U R P M J H E C Z
X U S E G B B Q N C L J G E C
Z X V T C A E R P O N L J H E
C A Y W C C T H G U O R H T V
T E R K I C A N T N P N L K I
G E D V N O V R O T C B Z X W
U S R I R U I P L R I F O M L
J E A I S D R G L Y F H E D B
S M D E V A P T A O Y X W U T

Friday's unlisted clue: DEAD

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Saturday's unlisted clue hint: EARTH OR SOIL.

Access	Hit the	Private	Tobacco
Back	Main	Service	Toll
Country	Off	Side	Trunk
Frontage	Paved	Through	

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"We beat the game if I could have slipped you my deuce of trumps," quipped a frivolous East. "You didn't have to slip it to me," replied a somber West. "Better if you had slipped it to South." South refused the first diamond, took the continuation and led his trump 10. West refused to cover (correct), and South finessed. East took his ace, cashed his diamond king, and exited safely with a trump. Dummy's ring took West's queen, and the rest was easy. Leaving East with his small trump, South cashed his top black-suit winners and cross-ruffed to bring his total to 10 tricks. Was the game always cold or was there some credibility to West's cryptic comment about the trump deuce? West's analysis was right on target. When South passes his trump 10 for a successful finesse, what happens if East refuses to win? If South leads a second trump, East will win and "give" his trump deuce to South. This eliminates one of South's ruffs, and declarer wins only nine tricks. And if South abandons trumps to start the crossruff, West will eventually score an over-ruff in spades. This would give the defenders two diamonds and two trumps, down one instead of making four.

NORTH 04 18 A

♠ K J 7 5
♥ K J 6 5
♦ J 7 4
♣ J 5

WEST EAST
♠ 8 2 ♠ Q 10 9 6 4
♥ 4 ♡ A 3 2
♦ 10 9 8 5 ♣ K Q 6
♣ 10 8 6 4 3 ♣ Q 9

SOUTH
♠ A 3
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ A 3 2
♣ A K 2

Vulnerable Both Dealer: South

The bidding

South West North East
1 NT* Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ All pass
*15 HCP

Opening lead: Diamond 10

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0307

ACROSS

- 1 Manual
- 10 Things
- 15 Deviation
- 16 Adopted "My Three Sons" son
- 17 Track event
- 18 Deteriorates
- 19 Graphic
- 20 U.S. coin word
- 21 Look out for, maybe
- 22 Eggs
- 23 Get on (it)
- 24 Depression
- 25 Register
- 26 Geology pioneer Sir Charles
- 31 Gob

- 32 Ring up
- 34 Gets back in business
- 36 Commandment word
- 38 Fleming valve
- 39 Be insincere, in a way
- 41 A dog's age
- 42 Response to a joke on-line
- 43 "Yankee Doodle Dandy" songwriter
- 45 Corn
- 46 Marking tools
- 47 Sealy competitor
- 48 Photog. service
- 49 Bit of bar advertising

- 55 Solution strength, in medicine
- 56 Italian news agency
- 57 Land of photography
- 59 Convinced of
- 61 Paris's
- 62 Rivoli
- 63 Statistical indicator
- 64 Bender
- 65 Ones doing the splits?

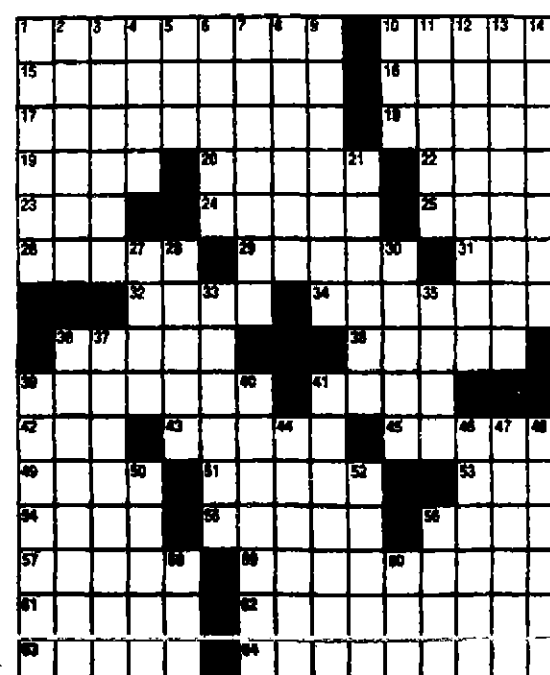
DOWN

- 1 City formerly called Salisbury
- 2 Moon of Uranus
- 3 Certain boxer, informally
- 4 Skipping sounds
- 5 Suffix with sense
- 6 "The End of the Road" novelist
- 7 Hot
- 8 Absorb
- 9 Duff: Var.
- 10 Wrap (up)
- 11 Star part
- 12 With continued force
- 13 Restricted road area
- 14 Rankles
- 15 Holy city?
- 17 Singer Anita

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BADFORM TRALA
ALLELUIA BICEPS
DEFLATOR ALEGRE
DARINGS YARE ROI
UKES BINS TOPS
RED FIONA VROOM
ROBIN WILLIAMS
LACK YOGI
DAITANO SWITCH

AYOZ OTIS WASH
KID EASE SPARTA
EDICTS DAIRYMEN
NEZONS UDAINEST
DEGAS PESTERS



Puzzle by Rich Morris

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 28 Pale purple | 44 First name in conducting | 58 Insinuate |
| 29 Meat cuts | 45 "Woman With Fan" artist | 59 Field |
| 30 Not marked up | 47 Victorious at sea? | 60 Equipped |
| 31 Bouquet | 48 Motorists' needs | 61 Old name precoder |
| 32 Exercised caution, in a way | 49 Recorded | 62 Dict label |

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